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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON ZAIRE

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1. THE GERMAN ARMY USES THE STANDARD 7.62 ROUND RATHER THAN 5.56 AMMO. THE ARMY HAS SOME QUANTITIES OF 5.56 AMMO ON HAND, BUT THIS IS EXERCISE AMMO AND CANNOT BE USED FOR COMBAT.
2. GERMAN MUNITIONS PLANTS HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE 5.56 AMMO, BUT OUR DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCES WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY WHETHER THE AMMO WAS CURRENTLY BEING PRODUCED. COMMENT: MOST SOURCES COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION UNLESS THE BUNDESWEHR WERE DIRECTLY AFFECTED. BASICALLY, THE GERMAN ARMY HAS NO COMBAT STOCKS OF 5.56 AMMO.
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